

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended):        Liquid clay comprising:  
a clay body is prepared by combining and kneading carboxymethylcellulose;  
  
fine vegetable powder comprising vegetable matter including wood,  
  
sodium alginate which comprises not more than 2% of the entire liquid clay solution;  
  
water; and  
  
at least one pigment forming a color wherein a liquid clay body is produced and the color thereof is modified, the liquid clay body serving as a clay-like paint having said color wherein said liquid clay is configured to be applied via a spatula.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The liquid clay recited in Claim 1, wherein the liquid clay body is prepared by combining and kneading carboxymethylcellulose, an aqueous solution of PVA adhesive, vegetable powder comprising vegetable matter including wood, and sodium alginate ~~or an equivalent material~~.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The liquid clay recited in Claim 3 wherein titanium oxide is further added to and kneaded with said liquid clay body.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The liquid clay recited in Claim 1, wherein said ~~fine~~ vegetable powder is a fine powder containing wood sawdust.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The liquid clay recited in Claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein said sawdust contains at least any one from among Japanese cedar, Japanese cypress, Thujopsis dolabrata, hemlock spruce, fir, Japanese black pine, Japanese red pine, spruce, white fir, Thuja standishii larch, umbrella pine, Japanese oak, beech, fraxinus griffithii, ash, zelkova tree, paulownia tree, cherry tree, chestnut tree, maple tree, Cercidiphyllum japonicum, camphor tree, cryptomeria, Oregon pine, yellow cedar, mertensiana, oak, mahogany, redwood, sequoia cedar, incense cedar, Tilia japonica, teak, Taiwan cypress, ebony, lauan tree, and Chaenomeles sinensis.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): Liquid clay wherein the liquid clay recited in Claim 1 is enclosed in containers for each of the colors of said liquid clay bodies.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The liquid clay as in claim 1, wherein the liquid clay comprises between 63-65% of a 3% aqueous solution of carboxymethylcellulose.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The liquid clay as in claim 1, wherein said liquid clay comprises between 19% and 31% of 100 mesh wood powder.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The liquid clay as in claim 1, wherein said liquid clay comprises between 5% and 15% titanium oxide.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) Liquid clay comprising:  
a clay body is prepared by combining and kneading carboxymethylcellulose;  
fine vegetable powder comprising vegetable matter including wood,  
sodium alginate;

water; and

at least one pigment forming a color wherein a liquid clay body is produced and the color thereof is modified, the liquid clay body serving as a clay-like paint having said color wherein said liquid clay body is formed by: ~~A process for forming liquid clay comprising the steps of:~~

combining and kneading an aqueous solution of carboxymethylcellulose, with vegetable powder comprising vegetable matter including wood, and sodium alginate,

mixing in water into the aqueous solution

combining the aqueous solution with at least one pigment forming a color;

forming ~~a~~ said liquid clay body

modifying the color wherein ~~the~~ said liquid clay body serves as a clay-like paint having said color.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~process~~ liquid clay as in claim 13, wherein said liquid clay is ~~step of combining further comprises placing the aqueous solution~~ placed in a kneader.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~process~~ liquid clay as in claim 14, wherein said ~~step of kneading includes~~ liquid clay is kneaded ~~kneading the aqueous solution~~ for up to 10 minutes.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~process~~ liquid clay as in claim 13, ~~further comprising the step of kneading~~ wherein said liquid clay further comprises ~~in~~ titanium oxide ~~and sodium alginate~~ to prepare said liquid clay to be suitable for a spatula application.